

# Additional Information

## Sagebrush Crew

### Boise National Forest



The Boise National Forest expects to fill two GS-0404-06 Biological Technician positions and one GS-0404-07 Biological Technician position in support of the Mountain Home Wildlife Program. These are temporary seasonal positions which would start at the beginning of May and end late August. The duty location will be in Mountain Home, Idaho. The individual(s) will be responsible for work related to research, conservation, and management of sage grouse. Work will be closely tied to the Sage-Grouse Habitat Assessment Framework (Tech Reference 6710-1, June 2015). The positions will work together as a crew conducting this work.

Look for job vacancies at [USAJOBS](https://www.usajobs.gov).

**Duties:** Collect data on composition and structure of habitat within seasonal use areas for sage grouse. Data collection will occur on USFS lands within active grazing allotments. Selected individuals will identify land cover types, and need to be able to identify sage brush species, forbs and grasses. May also work with radio telemetry and conduct habitat mapping. Collecting and entering data, keeping records and preparing written reports of field activities and monitoring results to support project planning are also part of the job. Applicants should have knowledge or experience using standardized field survey protocols and data entry. Applicants should be comfortable using Microsoft Word, Excel, and have experience with data entry and data management. Experience with GIS and ArcMap a huge plus! Applicants must be able to navigate cross-country in mountainous terrain. ATV's may be used; certification training will be provided. Fieldwork requires hiking on uneven terrain. Additional duties for the GS-0404-07 position include responsibility for day-to-day planning of the crew's work in coordination with the District Wildlife Biologist; logistics and directing seasonal field crew to complete assigned work; creation of a safe work environment, and regular communication with supervisor.

**Work Environment:** These positions are all field-going. The work can be physically demanding and may involve extensive daily hiking often in steep and uneven terrain. Qualified applicants will need to endure cold weather, snow, sun, heat, mosquitoes, and long-hours (10 hour work day). Work occurs at elevations ranging from 3000 to 8000+ feet. Conditions throughout the summer in Idaho are highly variable and can range from heat and sun to rain and snow. Individuals will be expected to have work-wear appropriate to safely conduct fieldwork. Safety equipment such as hard hats will be provided.

**Duty Station:** The Mountain Home Ranger District located in Mountain Home, Idaho will be the duty station. Mountain Home has a population of about 14,000 and is closely tied to the Mountain Home Air Force Base and has most amenities. Rentals are readily available within Mountain Home. Mountain Home is within a 40 minute commute of Boise, Idaho. Boise is the largest city in Idaho and has all the amenities of a large city.

**Housing:** Is not available.

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